

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazuhiko MATSUMOTO

Application No.: 10/816,978

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Title: MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND
MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2624

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Examiner: Katrina R. Fujita

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2008, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the rules promulgated under 37 CFR §1.121.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.